

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

AL-VI-B-096

Park Street & Main Street, Lonaconing  
ca. 1890

The Central High School is a large brick building constructed of brick which displays the eclectic style popular in the late 19th century. The building was constructed during the 1890's in an effort by County Government to upgrade the public educational system.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

(Central) Lonaconing High School

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Park Street &amp; Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Lonaconing

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth  
COUNTY

STATE

Maryland

Allegany

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER Vacant

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Allegany County Commissioners

Telephone #: 724-5710

STREET &amp; NUMBER

County Office Building, Prospect Square

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21502

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 483

Folio #: 769

STREET &amp; NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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### CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Central or Lonaconing High School is located on the west side of Main Street in Lonaconing, Allegany County at the intersection with Park Street.

The old school basically consists of a two story, six bay wide, rectangular shaped main block. The main block is flanked by two story wings on the north and south side and they are of identical construction. The entire facade is laid in American Common Bond brick construction and the walls feature pilastered supports. The entire facade is supported by a low stone foundation with a plain water table. The roof of the structure is hipped in three sections; those being the main block and each of the wings and is covered with the original tin materials. The main block roof includes a cross gable dormer on both the east and west side, while the wings each include small cross gable dormers and peaked parapets on both the east and west side. The eaves of the structure exhibit a wide soffit and return ends on the cross-gables, and the main block includes scrolled brackets with brick architrave. Ventilators are found in the cross-gables and peaked parapets. Windows in the structure include double hung wooden sash frames with six over one and four over one lights and plain trim. The main entrance to the structure is located on the front eastern side and features replaced, paneled, double doors with transom and transom lights. A flight of cement steps leads to the entrance level. Six original corbeled brick chimneys are found within the facade, two on the interior of the main block and the remaining are found on the flush ends and outside ends of the wing additions.

The building is structurally sound; however, it has been condemned for use as a school building.

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1890's

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Central or Lonaconing High School was built in the 1890's, resulting from a wave of upgrading of free school's curriculums. At this time institutions began to give preference to teachers with professional training. The establishment of a state-supported teacher training school in Frostburg came in to being in 1889, and this school upgraded educational progress in the area.<sup>1</sup> "Frostburg, Lonaconing, and Westernport also opened high schools during the 1890's decade even though their curriculums and staffs may not always have merited the advanced title."<sup>2</sup> The illiteracy rate reduced by half by 1900 and there was a slightly lower percentage of illiterate voters in Allegany County then in Baltimore City.<sup>3</sup>

The building is structurally sound and remains an architectural reminder of the progress made in education in Allegany County.

<sup>1</sup> Stegmaier, Harry; Allegany County - A History (Allegany County Commissioners, 1976) p. 265

<sup>2</sup> Ibid

<sup>3</sup> Ibid

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# MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

Stegmaier, Jr., Harry; Allegany County - A History (Allegany County Commissioners, 1976)

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 238' x 150' x 180'

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson & Joan Baldwin

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

2/24/77

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale,

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

DATE: February 8, 1977

238' x 150' x 180'

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor  
(Central)NAME OF PROPERTY: Lonaconing School, High SchoolLOCATION OF PROPERTY: Park Street & Main Street, Lonaconing, MarylandDIRECTION DWELLING FACES: EastNAME OF OWNER: Allegany County Commissioners 724-5710ADDRESS: Prospect SquareCumberland, Maryland 21502

STORIES: 1( ) 2(X) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6(✓) 7( ) ( )

WINGS, ADDITIONS: TwoDwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

## WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- ( ) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)  
(X) BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.  
( ) STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated  
( ) LOG  
( ) Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERSFOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONEWATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICKWINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1( ) 2/2( ) 6/6( ) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other(X) 6/1 + 4/1  
pegged ( ) nailed( ) wide ( ) narrow ( ) mitred ( ) pediment ( )ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: EastHARDWARE: original( ) replaced(X)FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

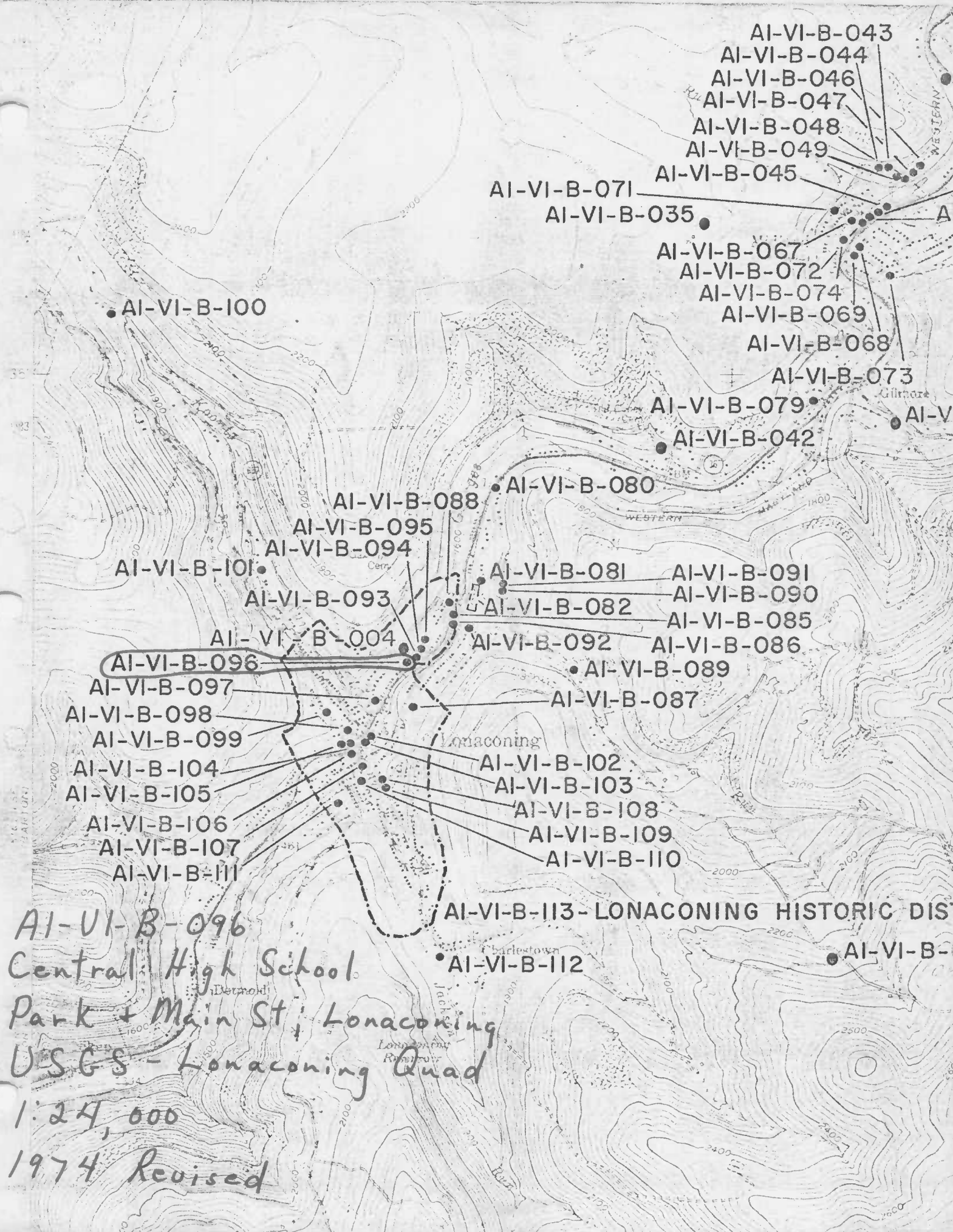
CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed) Brackets Parapets  
original( ) replaced( ) Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze,ArchitraveROOF: CABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, FORMERS #MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original(✓) replaced( )

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed( ) hip( ) gable( )

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 6 BRICK(X) STONE( ) CORBELED(X) original(X) replaced( )LOCATION: Flush end(X) Inside end( ) Outside end(✓) Central( ) Interior (✓)ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

## COMMENTS:

Use - VacantSignificance - Architecture/EducationDate Constructed - 1911Condition - Fair



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Central High School  
Park + Main St; Lonaconing  
USGS - Lonaconing Quad  
1:24,000  
1974 Revised



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Lonaconing (Central) High

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East



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Lonaconing (Central) High  
Park + Main St., Lonaconing

2/8/77

John E. Nelson

Southwest